

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Akahane* (U.S. Patent 6,226,533), and Claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wagner et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,169,911) in view of *Greco et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,568,540).

The Examiner has also noted that a certified copy of the Korean Application has yet to be filed in this case. Please note that a certified copy of KPA 1998-60744 has been ordered from the Korean Intellectual Property Office, and will be submitted upon receipt.

As indicated above, independent Claim 1 has been has rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Akahane*. With respect to independent Claim 1, the Examiner states that *Akahane* teaches all of the elements recited in the claim. However, it is respectfully submitted that *Akahane* does not teach or disclose a method for storing a voice message and storage-related information, wherein the calculations are based on both the amount of memory required to store the voice message and the amount of memory required to store the storage-related information, as is disclosed in the present invention. Based on the foregoing, as indicated above, Claim 1 has been amended to include these recitations. Accordingly, it is

respectfully submitted that amended, independent Claim 1 is patentably distinct from *Akahane*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 1 is withdrawn.

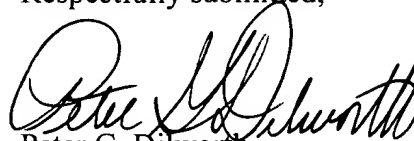
With respect to independent Claim 5, the Examiner asserts that *Wagner* in view of *Greco* teaches the elements recited in the claim. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect. Claim 5 recites in part "finding a next voice message and returning to step (c) to reproduce the next voice message, if the scroll key is input." This element is neither disclosed in *Wagner* nor *Greco*. More specifically, Fig. 4 of *Wagner* and its description at col. 6, lines 36-39 clearly teach that a message is first selected and then a separate "Play" key must be entered. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 5 is patentably distinct from *Wagner* in view of *Greco*, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent Claim 5 is withdrawn.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 5 are in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-7, they are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claims 1 and 5, respectively. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-7 are respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that pending Claims 1-7 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone

conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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